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Examiner: David M. GRAY

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For : OPTICAL ELEMENT RETRACTING MECHANISM FOR A
RETRACTABLE LENS

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

On April 07, 2005, Applicant filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in the above-captioned matter. In the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, a Japanese Office Action that issued in a Japanese patent family member of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0156832, was brought to the Examiner's attention, and Applicants stated that a copy of the same would be submitted as soon as it became available to Applicants.

To complete the record regarding the above-identified document, attached is a copy of the Japanese Office Action, along with an English language translation of said Office Action.

Additionally, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication Nos. 2000-023002; HEI 6-308592; HEI 7-199019; HEI 5-313226; HEI 7-295050; HEI 9-5849; and 2003-114473

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were submitted in Japanese with an English language abstract. Applicant noted that English language translations would be submitted when available.

An English language translation of each of the above-identified Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publications is enclosed, and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form for the convenience of the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above-noted documents and to confirm such consideration by initialing and returning a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form to the Applicants.

Applicant further calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were cited in Office Actions that were mailed on June 3, 2005 with respect to U.S. Patent Application Nos. 10/815,193 and 10/815,194:

U.S. Patent No. 4,768,048 to WAKABAYASHI, which issued on August 30, 1988;

U.S. Patent No. 5,264,939 CHANG, which issued on November 23, 1993

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. All of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the

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submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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